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Applicant: MCCARTHY et al.

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For: A METHOD FOR THE CHARACTERIZATION OF
NUCLEIC ACID MOLECULES INVOLVING
GENERATION OF EXTENDIBLE UPSTREAM DNA
FRAGMENTS RESULTING FROM THE CLEAVAGE OF
NUCLEIC ACID AT AN ABASIC SITE

RESPONSE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

December 10, 2002

Sir:

The following remarks are respectfully submitted in response to the Office Action dated February 8, 2002, and Advisory Action issued July 30, 2002, the due date having been reset with the filing of the Notice of Appeal on August 29, 2002 and extended for two (2) months to December 29, 2002, in connection with the above-identified application.

REMARKS

Rejections for double-patenting and for obviousness under 35 U.S.C.

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1) Claims 1-5, 8, 10-12, 14-16 and 20-23 remain rejected under

the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double

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